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C. BRENNAN-CHAVCHAVADZE TELECON, JULY 7, 1977

1. CONFIRMING REF C, MISSION SENT ON JUNE 23 FOLLOWING LETTER  
TO UNHCR KURDISH CASE OFFICER LYONETTE, BASED UPON REF A:  
QUOTE

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 3, 1977, CONCERNIN THE  
PROCESSING OF IRAQI KURDS PRESENTLY IN IRAN TO THE UNITED STATES,  
I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING BASED UPON COMMUNICATIONS  
WITH OUR OFFICES IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE.

A. FOLLOWING THE REQUEST OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, THE UNITED  
STATES WILL ACCEPT 300 IRAQI KURDS FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE  
UNITED STATES IN 1977.

B. CONCERNING PARAS B AND C OF YOUR LETTER, THERE HAS BEEN A  
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CHANGE IN THE MANNER IN WHICH THESE 300 KURDS WILL BE ADMITTED,  
NAMELY THAT RATHER THAN A MIX OF CONDIITIONAL ENTRY (CE) PRO-  
CESSING FOR SINGLES AND HEADS OF FAMILY, WITH NON-PREFERENCE VISA  
NUMBERS FOR DEPENDENTS, ALL OF THIS GROUP OF IRAQI KURDS, INCLUDING  
DEPENDENTS, WILL BE CE ENTRANTS. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT 300 CE  
NUMBERS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR THIS PURPOSE BY INS. IT IS UNDER-  
STOOD THAT ALL OF THESE NUMBERS MUST BE USED PRIOR TO THE END OF

SEPTEMBER.

WASHINGTON WILL BE ISSUING, IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, PRE-PROCESSING INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR EMBASSY IN TEHRAN, INCLUDING DIRECTIONS FOR FULL COORDINATION ON THIS PROGRAM WITH INS FRANKFURT. IT WOULD THEREFORE APPEAR FROM THE US POINT OF VIEW THAT WE ARE NOW IN A POSITION TO ACTIVELY UNDERTAKE THIS PROGRAM.

I SHALL BE IN COMMUNICATION WITH YOU AS SOON AS WE HAVE FURTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION TO CONVEY. END QUOTE.

2. MISSION TODAY RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER IN RESPONSE:

QUOTE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF WE JUNE CONCERNING THE 1977 MOVEMENT TO THE USA OF DISPLACED IRAQI KURDS AT PRESENT IN IRAN. OUR REPLY HAS BEEN DELAYED SOMEWHAT BY THE RECENT MOVE OF THE OFFICE.

WE ARE HAPPY TO NOTE THE INFORMATION YOU REPORT AND WOULD WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT OUR OUTLINE PLAN AT PRESENT IS TO BEGIN MOVEMENT FROM TEHRAN TO FRANKFURT ON OR ABOUT 16 OR 22 JULY AND TO COMPLETE THE MOVEMENT TO FRANKFURT OF THE 300 PERSONS CONCERNED BY MID-SEPTEMBER 1977. I SHALL GIVE YOU DETAILS OF THE MOVEMENTS WHEN OUR FINAL PLANS ARE MADE. AT THE MOMENT WE ARE HELD UP BY THE LACK OF AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATION IN FRANKFURT SINCE, DUE TO THE SEASON, THE BUDINGEN ACCOMMODATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.  
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AS YOU WILL RECALL, WE DISCUSSED SOME WEEKS AGO THE FUNDING OF THIS PROGRAMME AND OUR HOPE THAT, AS IN 1976, THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COSTS INVOLVED. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY US \$60,000 READILY AVAILABLE FOR THE PROGRAMME BUT OUR BUDGET (TAKING INTO ACCOUNT A SHORTER TOTAL TIME PERIOD BUT HIGHER ACCOMMODATION COSTS) WOULD BE IN THE REGION OF US \$100,000. THERE WOULD THEREFORE BE A SHORTFALL IN FUNDS AVAILABLE OF SOME US \$40,000 WHICH WE WOULD HOPE YOUR GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET AS IN 1976. A FINAL DETAILED BUDGET WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER.

I HOPE THAT THE 1977 OPERATION WILL MEET WITH THE SAME SUCCESS AS THE 1976 MOVEMENT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING PROGRESS WITH YOU. YOURS SINCERELY, K.J. LYONETTE. END QUOTE.

3. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION, ESPECIALLY TO FUND REQUEST, ASAP TO CONVEY TO UNHCR.SORENSEN

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